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Applicant: CLINCH and PUZZELLA)
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For: SPLIT WELD CAGE)
NUT ASSEMBLY)
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 26, 2004

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This is responsive to the Office Action of April 26, 2004, having a period for response set to expire on July 26, 2004.

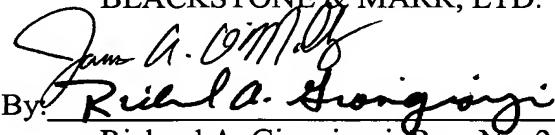
Claims 1-42 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of the obviousness-type double patenting of the claims of United States Patent No. 6,692,206. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. Therefore, Applicant believes that the rejection has been overcome. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner be of the position that additional amendments are required to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

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